

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/28/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-19 (renumbered as 1-13).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 7-19 are allowed (renumbered as 1-13).

Reason for allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. The combination of the prior art of record (Bennighoff, Grout and Don) fails to teach and /or suggest the combination of elements of claims 7 including: "providing a mailfile stored on the server, of documents having a section and fields, receiving a request as a SOAP protocol message from an application running... in response to said fields, retrieving said one of said documents..." combined with "marshalling said object and sending the marshalled object to said application as a SOAP protocol message". While the closest prior art of record (Grout's) teachings is based on the client browser, however, the claimed invention is focused on the server level, see remark on page 6 and 7. Therefore it would not be obvious to combine (Bennighoff, Grout and Don) to meet the claimed limitations.
4. The combination of the prior art of record (Bennighoff, Grout and Don) fails to teach and /or suggest the combination of elements of claims 16 including: "a file stored on a server having data stored as documents having sections, a database on said server, for passing a request for one of said documents to ...web service software for retrieving at

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said server, said one of said sections from said file" combined with "a protocol tool for authenticating said application using said records, marshalling said object, and sending the marshalled object in a simple object protocol to said application". While the closest prior art of record (Grout's) teachings is based on the client browser, however, the claimed invention is focused on the server level, see remark on page 6 and 7. Therefore it would not be obvious to combine (Bennighoff, Grout and Don) to meet the claimed limitations.

After intensive search and a thorough examination of the present application and in light of the prior art made of record, claims 7-19 (renumbered as 1-13) are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

CONCLUSION

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OLUBUSOLA ONI whose telephone number is 571-272-2738. The examiner can normally be reached on 10.00-6.30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TIM VO can be reached on 571-272-3642. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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